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10/667,857

**Applicant(s)**

KARAOGUZ ET AL.

**Examiner**

Liangche A. Wang

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 8/13/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

/Liangche A. Wang/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2153

*EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT*

1. Claims 1-32 are allowed.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph M. Butscher on 9/15/2008.
4. The application has been amended as follow:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A system providing search functionality to support the exchange and consumption of media among a self-administered group of users administered by a member of the self-administered group of users, the system comprising:

a first television in a first home;

a first storage in the first home that stores the media; the first storage supporting consumption of the media by the first television, and having a first network protocol address associated with a first user;

a user interface displayed on the first television in the first home, the user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting delivery of media from the first home to a second home;

a second television in the second home;

a second storage supporting consumption of the media by the second television in the second home, and having a second network protocol address associated with a second user; and

search software that receives a request comprising user defined search criteria and one of the first and second associated network protocol addresses, the first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of the self-administered group of users, where the self-administered group of users is defined based on authorization by the member of the self-administered group of the users, and responds by identifying media currently stored on at least one of the first and second storage, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the first and second network protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the first storage and second storage communicatively couple via a communication network that comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

6. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

7. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the user defined search criteria comprises one or more of a time period, a device type, a specific media, a media type, a specific media channel, and/or a media channel type.

8. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising: at least one media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage, the at least one media peripheral having storage; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one media peripheral, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

9. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8 wherein the at least one media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising: at least one server for storing media, the at least one server having been designated by a user for searching; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one server, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one server comprises one or more of a 3rd party media provider, a media peripheral, a personal computer, a 3rd party storage vendor, and/or a broadband head end.

12. (Currently amended) A system providing search functionality supporting the exchange and consumption of media among a self-administered group of users administered by a member of the self-administered group of users, the system comprising:

a first storage for storing media, in a first home, and having a first protocol address associated with a first user;

a user interface displayed on a first television in the first home, the user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting delivery of media from the first home to a second home;

a second storage for storing media, in the second home, and having a second protocol address associated with a second user;

set top box circuitry, in the first home, communicatively coupled to support searching of storage at the first and second associated protocol addresses; and

search software that receives a request comprising user defined search criteria and one of the first and second associated protocol addresses, the first and second associated protocol addresses representing members of the self-administered group of users, where the self-administered group of users is defined based on authorization by the member of the group of users, and responds by identifying media currently available at one or both of the first and



second associated protocol addresses, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the first and second protocol addresses are one of an Internet protocol (IP) address, a media access control (MAC) address, or an electronic serial number (ESN).

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the set top box circuitry and the second storage communicatively couple via a communication network that comprises one or more of a cable infrastructure, a satellite network infrastructure, a digital subscriber line (DSL) infrastructure, an Internet infrastructure, an intranet infrastructure, a wired infrastructure, and/or a wireless infrastructure.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein consumption comprises one or more of playing digitized audio, displaying a still image, displaying video, and/or displaying data.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 12 wherein the user defined search criteria comprises one or more of a time period, a device type, a specific media, a media type, a specific media channel, and/or a media channel type.

19. (Original) The system of claim 12 further comprising: at least one media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage, the at least one media peripheral having storage; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one media peripheral, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 19 wherein the at least one media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

21. (Original) The system of claim 12 further comprising: at least one server for storing media, the at least one server having been designated by a user for searching; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one server, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 21 wherein the at least one server comprises one or more of a 3rd party media provider, a media peripheral, a personal computer, a 3rd party storage vendor, and/or a broadband head end.

23. (Currently amended) A system providing search functionality supporting the exchange and consumption of media among a self-administered group of users administered by a member of the self-administered group of users, the system comprising:

a first storage for storing media at a first home of a first user, the first user being one of the self-administered group of users, where the self-administered group of users is defined based on authorization by the member of the group of users;

a user interface displayed on a first television in the first home, the user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting delivery of media from the first storage in the first home to a second home;

a second storage for storing media at the second home of a second user, the second user being one of the self-administered group of users;

set top box circuitry, in at least one of the first and second homes, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to support the identification of media currently available to the self-administered group of users; and

search software that receives user defined search criteria and that responds by identifying media currently available within the self-administered group of users, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria, the search software receiving a request comprising user defined search criteria and one of first and second associated network protocol addresses, the first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of the self-administered group of users.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the user defined search criteria comprises one or more of a time period, a device type, a specific media, a media type, a specific media channel, and/or a media channel type.

26. (Original) The system of claim 23 further comprising: at least one media peripheral communicatively coupled to the first storage, the at least one media peripheral having storage; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one media peripheral, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 26 wherein the at least one media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

28. (Currently amended) A system providing search functionality supporting the exchange and consumption of media among a self-administered group of users administered by a member of the self-administered group of users, the system comprising:

set top box circuitry, in at least one of first and second homes, the set top box circuitry communicatively coupled to support the identification of media currently available to members of the self-administered group of users, where the self-administered group of users is defined based on authorization by the member of the self-administered group of users;

a user interface displayed on a first television in the first home, the user interface having at least one view comprising a representation of media available for consumption, the user interface supporting delivery of media from the first home to a second home; and

search software that receives user defined search criteria and that responds by identifying the media currently available within the self-administered group of users, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria, the search software receiving a request comprising user defined search criteria and one of first and second associated network protocol addresses, the first and second associated network protocol addresses representing members of the self-administered group of users.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the media comprises one or more of audio, a still image, video, and/or data.

30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 28 wherein the user defined search criteria comprises one or more of a time period, a device type, a specific media, a media type, a specific media channel, and/or a media channel type.

31. (Previously presented) The system of claim 28 wherein at least one media peripheral is communicatively coupled to a first storage in the first home, the at least one media peripheral having storage; and the search software responding by identifying media stored on the at least one media peripheral, the identified media matching the user defined search criteria.

32. (Previously presented) The system of claim 31 wherein the at least one media peripheral comprises one or more of a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a television, a personal computer, a CD player, a home juke-box, a multi-media gateway device, a multi-media personal digital assistant, a DVD player, a tape player, and/or a MP3 player.

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